

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-20 (Cancelled)

21 (Previously Presented). A method for treating autoimmune and inflammatory diseases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient a tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor in combination with dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) simultaneously, separately or sequentially, thereby treating the autoimmune or inflammatory disease.

22 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 21, wherein the TNF receptor is TNF Binding Protein-2.

23 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 22, wherein the disease treated is autoimmune disease.

24 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 22, wherein the disease treated is inflammatory disease.

25 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 21, wherein the TNF receptor is TNF Binding Protein-1.

26 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 25, wherein the disease treated is autoimmune disease.

27 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 25, wherein the disease treated is inflammatory disease.

28 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 21, wherein the disease treated is autoimmune disease.

29 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 21, wherein the disease treated is inflammatory disease.

30 (New). The method of claim 21, wherein said autoimmune or inflammatory disease is septic shock.

31 (New). The method of claim 30, wherein the TNF receptor is TNF binding protein-1.

32 (New). The method of claim 30, wherein the TNF receptor is TNF Binding Protein-2.